

# Trout and Aquaculture Census, 2004

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**Trout:** Pennsylvania's 44 commercial trout growers sold 1.37 million pounds of trout, valued at \$4.22 million during 2004, ranking fifth nationally behind Idaho, North Carolina, California, and Washington. This was down from the 1.68 million pounds valued at \$4.68 million sold in 2003.

Pennsylvania ranks first in the nation for the value of trout distributed for conservation and recreational purposes. With an estimated value of \$9.1 million, Pennsylvania accounts for 14.1 percent of the value of nation's distributed trout. This includes trout released by state hatcheries, cooperative nurseries, and private fishing clubs. Distributed fish were released by 19 operations in Pennsylvania, but this count excludes cooperative nurseries under contract to state hatcheries.

Sales of trout 12 inches or longer by the State's growers totaled 1.15 million pounds, or 84 percent of the total production sold during the period. This was down 21 percent from a year ago. Averaging \$2.90 per pound, the trout were valued at \$3.34 million. Fee fishing/recreational sales accounted for 71 percent of the production, and sales to other producers accounting for 17 percent.

Sales of trout 6"-12" long by Pennsylvania growers totaled 450,000 fish, or 216,000 pounds live weight during the period. This was up 2 percent from the same period a year

ago. At an average of \$3.80 a pound, sales were valued at \$821 thousand, with 83 percent of the volume sold to fee and recreational establishments.

Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, and recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 5.23 million 6"-12" fish.

Commercial trout growers in the Commonwealth lost 637,000 trout intended for sale due to various causes. These causes included predators (47 percent), flooding and disease (25 percent each), and 3 percent to various other causes.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service surveyed all known commercial trout growers in Pennsylvania and 19 other states: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Information was collected by mail, telephone and personal interview.

For the 20 selected states, the total value of all trout sales during 2004 totaled \$68.7 million. Sales of trout 12 inches and longer accounted for 96 percent of the pounds sold, with 72 percent of that amount purchased by processors.

Pennsylvania: Trout Sales, 2003-2004

Type	Number of Fish		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Average Value	
	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004
	1,000				1,000 Dollars		Dollars	
12" or longer	1,380	1,160	1,460	1,150	3,796	3,335	2.60/lb.	2.60/lb.
6" - 12"	500	450	211	216	802	821	3.80/lb.	3.80/lb.
1" - 6"	270	190	8	5	80	67	295.00/thou	355.00/thou
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>1,679</b>	<b>1,371</b>	<b>4,678</b>	<b>4,223</b>	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

United States: Trout Sales, 2003-2004

Type	Number of Fish		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Average Value	
	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004
	1,000				1,000 Dollars		Dollars	
12" or longer	46,056	47,481	50,846	54,976	52,898	57,082	1.04/lb.	1.04/lb.
6" - 12"	6,413	5,528	2,295	2,218	5,732	5,838	2.50/lb.	2.63/lb.
1" - 6"	7,357	5,550	183	113	1,240	966	169.00/thou	174.00/thou
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,826</b>	<b>58,559</b>	<b>53,324</b>	<b>57,307</b>	<b>59,870</b>	<b>63,886</b>	-	-

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United States: Number & Value of Egg Sales, 2003-2004

Item	Number Sold		Value of Sales		Average Value Per 1,000	
	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004
	1,000		1,000 Dollars		Dollars	
Eggs	263,545	289,620	4,176	4,830	15.80	16.70

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